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1. The overall pattern of the organization, operation and control of the Soviet advisory body attached to the Chinese Communist government is not generally known in Communist China. This knowledge is held by only a small group of high-level Chinese Communist Party leaders, and is carefully guarded. Only a few isolated aspects of this subject are known to the leaders of the non-Communist parties.
2. As far as can be ascertained, there are no Soviet advisers in the higher echelons of the ministries and boards of the Chinese Communist government. The Soviets make their views known in such places through Chinese personnel, whose contacts with the Soviets are not necessarily known. The character and organization of Soviet advisory activity with the Chinese Communist army and the police are also well-guarded secrets. There are indications that the Soviets probably control the police in Manchuria through an advisory group, and there appear to be many more Soviet military advisers in Manchuria than elsewhere in China.

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4. The conduct of the advisers appears to be impeccable. In the field they work closely with their Chinese colleagues and often maintain the same standard of living. They take care to give the appearance of participation in the work being done, rather than simply directing it as did [] American advisers.

5. The presence of Soviet advisers in China arouses some resentment among the

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


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Chinese, mainly over the rumors that they are responsible for the export of large amounts of food to the USSR. They are seen buying food and mailing it home. The Chinese contrast this with the fact that American advisers brought their own food to China, and that UNRRA, regarded as an American enterprise, distributed food to the Chinese.

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